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25X1A [redacted] Report on Estimates File of 6 November 1953

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1. I was very favorably impressed by [redacted] report and feel that he provided us with a very clear and constructive statement. He discussed the inadvisability of adopting either of the two extremes and made some practical suggestions as to how a middle course could be taken.
2. May I suggest that very careful thought be given to this report and to methods by which some of the suggested adjustments can be put into action.
3. You are aware of the D/I's insistence that the branches support a properly organized Estimates File. The report by [redacted] 25X1A suggests arguments against the disinclination of analysts to provide such support.
4. A very real and almost overriding need for a properly organized and rather complete Estimates File is presented by our obligation to place in Vital Storage adequate background information for use in setting up operations at a distant point. Assuming that all analysts would not be on duty under such circumstances, and in any case would not have their files with them, a duplicate Estimates File would appear to be an exceptionally well organized initial source for information under such circumstances.

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